

CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.* —William Ernest Henley, 'Invictus'

All has been done by Him. His saving work neither needs nor admits of supplementary addition by any needy child of man - even to the extent of an iota. When we look to Him we are raising grateful eyes, not to one who invites us to save ourselves; nor merely to one who has broken out a path, in which walking, we may attain to salvation; nor yet merely to one who offers us a salvation wrought out by Him, on a condition; but to one who has saved us - who is at once the beginning and the middle and the end of our salvation, the author and the finisher of our faith.
— B.B. Warfield, *The End of the Incarnation*

The particularity of this God is startling; the God of Israel aligns himself with specific mortals with individual names who live in identifiable places on the map. They have life stories unique to themselves, by no means always edifying. This God, unlike the gods of the religions, has chosen of his own sovereign free will to elect a discrete group of people simply because he wills to do so. The irreligiousness of this election is that it has nothing to do with any spiritual attainments by the chosen ones. The opposite is true — they are selected, we might say, in spite of themselves, for if there is one thing certain about the children of Israel, it is that they did not deserve their election. This factor of undeserved election is in view whenever God is called 'the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' — Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Amanda Holley

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Children are encouraged to sing and participate in the service together with the congregation. Materials are available in the foyer for kids up through Grade 2. Grades 3-5 will still have their sermon worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams;
Music: John Hughes

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

4
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

7
hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

10
Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12
more, shield, feed me till I want no more.
thee, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

Call to Worship

Rev. Rick Downs

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. — *Psalms 63:1-5*

Invocation

Rock of Ages

Words: Augustus M. Toplady;
Music: Thomas Hastings

A A D

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de -
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in

D E F#m

thee; let the wa - ter and the blood from thy
mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my
cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less,
death, when I soar to worlds u - known, see thee

E F#m A

7 riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble
tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could not a -
look on thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain
on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for

A D A

10 cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
fly; wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1:8-9*

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on *Daniel 9.4-19*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a - 2. Je - sus the sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and 4. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall dore! Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal more. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce a - gain, I say, re - joi - ce!

Offertory

Amanda Holley

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Receiving of New Members

Haven Carter, Townes Carter, Abby Goodman, Gracie Goodman, Miriam Russell, Marlee Thrasher

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Passing of the Peace

My Lord, I Did Not Choose You

Words: Josiah Conder;
Music: Matthew Smith

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) has a D chord above the first measure, G above the second, and D above the third. The lyrics are: 1. My Lord, I did not choose you, for that could; 2. You took the sin that stained me, cleansed me; 3. Un-less your grace had called me and taught my; 4. My heart knows none a-bove you, for your rich. The second system (measures 5-8) has A above the fifth measure, D above the sixth, G above the seventh, and D above the eighth. The lyrics are: nev-er be. My heart would still re-fuse you, made me new. Of old you have or-dained me, o-p'ning mind, the world would have en-thralled me, grace I thirst. I know that if I love you, The third system (measures 9-12) has A above the ninth measure, D above the tenth, and a double bar line with '2. B 4.' above the twelfth. The lyrics are: had you not cho-sen me. that I should live in you. to heav'n-ly glo-ries blind. you must have loved me first. The fourth system (measures 13-16) has D above the thirteenth measure, G above the fourteenth, D above the fifteenth, and G above the sixteenth. The lyrics are: My Lord, I did not choose you, for that could nev-er. The fifth system (measures 17-20) has D above the seventeenth measure, G above the eighteenth, D above the nineteenth, A above the twentieth, and D above the twenty-first. The lyrics are: be. My heart would still re-fuse you, had you not chosen me.

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:1-13 page 945 in pew Bible

Reader: So faith comes from hearing,

Congregation: and hearing through the word of Christ.

Selah Russell

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Barczi

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Christ is spiritually present at this meal – at work through our confession. What do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. – Apostles' Creed

Words of Institution

Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacons' Fund Offering

How Firm A Foundation

Words: John Rippon;
Music: Traditional American Melody

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis -
3. "When through fiery tri - als thy path - way shall
4. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -

5 Lord, is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
mayed; for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
pose I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes; that

10 more can he say than to you he has said, to
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

14 you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Benediction

Benediction
We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade 5 are held downstairs. Youth in grades 6+ are invited to join Adult Ed classes this summer until their class resumes September 8.

This summer, all are encouraged to attend CTK's annual Adult Ed series addressing a variety of topics of interest in the church. We'll cover a few current controversial issues, drill down on some tough theological questions, and have a few visits and chances to pray with international missionaries supported by CTK. We'll even read a little Tolstoy together. See the schedule below:

7/7 & 7/14: *Grace & Predestination*; 7/21 & 7/28: *Faith & Science*;

8/4: *Homosexuality & the Church*; 8/11: *Tolstoy Discussion*;

8/25 & 9/1: *Hospitality*

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. ***Note, classes do not meet over the summer** but resume September 8 with *The Story of Worship*, teaching through our Order of Service.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Bulletins are available online each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet. Visit ctkcambridge.org/sermons.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, and Somerville (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P

Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P

Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

DAVIS :: POWDERHOUSE :: SOMERVILLE :: 7:00P

Eric & Lara Kastelein (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P

James & Sarah Goodman (sarahgoodma@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 6P

Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.com)

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P

Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P

Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for discipling and growing in faith. Contact rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org.

The **Women's Ministry** has Bible Study groups that meet throughout the city, as well as events throughout the year. To learn more, contact Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

A **Youth Community Group** meets monthly at the church. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Vocational Fellowship Groups are available for people working within similar fields. For more information, contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses. Email our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P

Nathan & Sarah Brown

(nathan.collin.brown@gmail.com)

WATERTOWN :: 6P

Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P

Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)

MALDEN :: 7P

Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P

Alex & Megan MacKay (ajmack@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P

Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

BELMONT :: LEXINGTON :: NEWTON :: 5P

Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)

*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our annual **4th of July Cookout** is this week! If you're planning on attending, *please RSVP at bit.ly/CTKJuly4th* so that we know how much food to prepare. If you're interested in grilling (either on site or bringing something from home), please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.

Women's Ministry will host a summer book group to read through C.S. Lewis's Space Trilogy. There will be three meetings throughout the summer, with each meeting discussing one of the books. The first meeting to discuss *Out of the Silent Planet* will be at 7 pm on Wednesday July 17 at Catherine Cook's house in Somerville. The discussions for the 2nd and 3rd book will be in the evenings on Aug 7 and Aug 28. Contact Laura.a.martin87@gmail.com for directions to Catherine's house. Happy summer reading!

Boston Fellows is a nine-month fellowship for young professionals at CTK and other Boston churches to cultivate the worldview, in prayer and in the community of the local church, necessary for meaningful vocation, in a cohort of peers, spiritual leaders, and professional mentors. **Applications are still being accepted through JULY 1** for the 2019-20 cohort, which will begin in September. See www.BostonFellows.com to apply or for more information, or contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thu, 7/4, 5p :: **July 4th Cookout** :: CTK Cambridge
bit.ly/CTKJuly4th
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Wed, 7/17, 7p :: **Women's Ministry Book Club**
ctkcambridge.org/book-club
(Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Sundays in August, 12p :: **Sennott Park Picnics**
ctkcambridge.org/picnics
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

SAVE THE DATE:

9/13-9/14 :: **Conference with Glynn Harrison**
ctkcambridge.org/harrison
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY SUMMER EVENTS:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Tuesday, 7p :: **Summer RUF** :: CTK Cambridge
(Serena Jones, serena.jones@ruf.org)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Jeremy Mullen, jmullen79@gmail.com)

Friday, 4:15p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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